

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-2 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,150,615 to Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,300,115 to Ansell, et al. Claims 9-14 are allowed.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. Claim 3-6 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1 with amendment to provide antecedent basis for "said surface." Claim 15 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the limitations "said surface" and "said circuit driver."

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,150,615 to Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,300,115 to Ansell, et al. Claims 1-2 have been canceled. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 5 and to correct typographical errors.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 3-6 and the allowance of claims 9-14. Each of claims 3-6 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been further amended to recite "said first surface" rather than "said first side." Claims 4 and 6 have also been further amended to provide antecedent basis for "said resistance." Claims 9, 13, and 14 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 16 has been amended to recite "said first surface" rather than "said first side."

Claims 1-36 are in the case. Claims 21-36 have been added to provide additional coverage for the invention and find support in Figures 3, 5, and 6, and related description. The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors and to more clearly describe background art. No new matter is added. In view of the above amendments and remarks,

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that the Examiner believes could be resolved via telephone conference, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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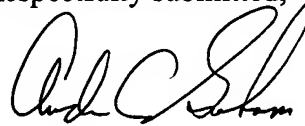
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